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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

*In response to Senate resolution of March 3, 1890, a report relative to the membership of the Sac and Fox Indians.*

MARCH 14, 1890.—Laid upon the table.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, March 12, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of the Senate dated March 3, 1890, directing the Secretary of the Interior to report whether by action of his Department, or by that of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, any persons have been added to the membership of the Sac and Fox Indians, and if so, the names of such persons, their nationality, the reasons for their addition, and the authority for the same; and that the Secretary transmit to the Senate all papers and documents relating to said transaction.

On due reference I have received from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs his report dated March 12, which is herewith inclosed, showing that a number of persons have been added to the membership of said Indians; but this was not done under the direction of this Department, they having been so added by the agent at the request of the Indians. It is deemed, however, that this information falls within the purview of the resolution of the Senate, and is therefore sent. I transmit with the same the several exhibits marked A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I.

I have further to report that the Commissioner has acted on the claims of certain other persons to be added to the Sac and Fox Nation; but his action is now undergoing the consideration of the Secretary for approval or disapproval. Upon arriving at a determination of the validity of the Commissioner's action the same will be reported to the Senate and the record transmitted therewith. The persons claiming to be members are Louis, Peter, Thomas, and Philip Murphy and Maggie Le Fevre.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,  
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, March 12, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 6th instant, containing Senate resolution of 3d instant, calling for information as to whether, by action of the Department, any persons have been added to the membership of the Sac and Fox Indians of Missouri, and if so, the names of such persons, their nationality, the reasons for their addition to such membership, and the authority for the same, and that you transmit to the Senate all the papers and documents relating to said transaction.

I have had the records of this office examined and find that prior to a payment of annuity on November 23, 1883, there is no evidence in this office that names had been added to the roll other than children born, except of members of the tribe who had been temporarily absent and returned.

At that payment the following names were added:

- No. 14. Maggie, wife of Que-naw-peah.
- No. 33. Wah-mah-sah-mo-quah.
- No. 63. Elmore Ronbedoux.
- No. 66. Mike Green.
- No. 72. Mrs. Mut-tut-tah, wife of Mut-tut-tah.
- No. 77. Pe-quah-no, wife of Ketch-e-mah.
- No. 81. Pah-pe-mah-ne-ah, wife of Cat-e-cha.
- No. 83. Margaret Murphy.

Payment to these persons was suspended against the agent and he was called upon to explain by what authority he added these names. In reply, see paragraph 8 on the paper herewith marked Exhibit A, page 5, he says that they "were all Indians adopted. They had received their land but should always have received their annuities." Nos. 14, 66, and 81 do not now appear on the roll.

At the payment of June 27, 1884, the following names were added:

- 22. Wah-so-mah, wife of Thomas Connell.
- 43. Meowgh-Kah, wife Moh-sko-cha-kum.
- 63. Walk Ko.
- 67. Ko-se-quah.
- 80. Jackson Moless.
- 89. Pe-wah-tow.

These payments were objected to in the examination of the agent's accounts in this office, and he was called upon to explain his reasons for adding these names.

In reply, he states on Exhibit A, above referred to, paragraph 5, page 15, as follows:

No. 22 is a Sac woman from the southern part of the State; Connell married her and the tribe took her in. She had a right there any way.

No. 43, a Pottawatomie woman taken off the roll there and put on this roll as she was married up there and had gone there to live.

No. 63, Kickapoo Indian and No. 67 daughter of No. 63, exchanged to Sac and Fox; became married, and lived there.

No. 80, Jackson Moless, daughter of Moless's wife, and adopted.

No. 89 returned from the Territory.

Nos. 22, 43, 80, and 89 have since been dropped from the roll.

At this payment, made January 9, 1885, the following names were added:

- 45. Louise, wife of Louis Tesson, a member of the tribe.
- 88. William Alley.

When the agent's accounts were under examination in this office the payments made to these persons were suspended against the agent, and

he was called upon to explain why they were placed there and by what authority.

In reply he submitted a certificate of the adoption of these people, herewith marked Exhibit B.

No. 45. Not now on the roll.

At the payment made December 31, 1885, the following names were added :

81. Nah-mah-che-sah-quah (alias Belle).

89. John Maw-he-kah.

As his authority for adding these names, the agent submits a certificate of adoption from the chiefs, herewith marked C. Both of these now off the roll.

At the payment made March 25, 1886, the following name was added :

11. Pen-e-ton-e-kut. Not now on the roll.

In the examination of the agent's accounts in this office, the annuity paid for this person was suspended for explanation as to authority for paying it, and still remains charged to the agent, he having failed to make any satisfactory explanation.

At the payment made April 27, 1887, the following names were added :

7. Sallie Dorian, wife of Que-naw-pe-ah, a member of the tribe.

66. Daniel Green. The history of this case is: Eliza Gomes, who is a member of the tribe, married this boy's father, now dead.

The agent has marked on the roll opposite Nos. 7 and 66 "adopted," but no certificate of adoption is submitted.

At the payment made August 15, 1888, the following names were added :

78. Thomas Connell.

79. Charles Connell, his son.

80. Henry Sha-quí-ne.

To sustain this action the agent marks on the roll opposite the names "Returned from Indian Territory," and also submits a certificate from the chiefs, herewith marked D, to the effect that these persons are members of the tribe and are entitled to enrollment.

At the payment made November 16, 1889, the following name was added :

73. Que-nan-pe-ah.

To sustain this action the agent submits a certificate from one of the chiefs and one of the head men, herewith marked E, to the effect that this man is a member of the tribe and entitled to enrollment.

This man's name appears on the roll some years back.

As the entire number of persons on the first roll available to this office, viz, that of October 13, 1877, is one hundred and thirteen, and that on the last roll, that of November 16, 1889, is but seventy-three, when the natural increase is considered, it is apparent that but few additions could possibly have been made.

In this connection, I inclose, marked Exhibit F, a communication, dated September 10, 1883, from Mr. H. C. Linn, who was agent for these Indians in 1883, in which he submitted a petition from them to be allowed to adopt nineteen persons.

To this the office replied, under date of September 21, 1883, copy herewith marked Exhibit G, returning the petition for further completion, etc.

Under date of October 26, 1883, Agent Linn again submitted the petition. (Letter herewith marked Exhibit H.)

To which the office replied, under date of November 12, 1883 (copy herewith marked Exhibit I), again returning the petition to the agent, with further instructions.

To this no reply was received from the agent, nor does it appear that the petition was again submitted.

Thus it appears from the records of this office that none of the names added to the roll were so placed there under direction of the Department, but by the agent at the request of the Indians.

Respectfully,

T. J. MORGAN,  
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

### EXHIBIT A.

TOPEKA, KANS., July 15, 1885.

Answers to exceptions taken to cash accounts at Pottawatomie and Great Nemaha Agency for third and fourth quarters 1883, and first and second quarters 1884, by Interior Office.

Third quarter, 1883.

#### ACCOUNT CURRENT.

The following statement represents the number of cattle, time, and rate. The rate was not authorized by Department.

#### Pottawatomie:

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| J. S. Smith, 424 head of cattle, at 50 cents .....       | \$212. 00 |
| E. C. Fitzgerald, 440 head of cattle, at 50 cents .....  | 220. 00   |
| W. L. McAlexander, 528 head of cattle, at 50 cents ..... | 264. 00   |
|  | <hr/>     |
|  | 696. 00   |

#### Iowa:

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| J. Rodgers, 300 head of cattle, at 55 cents .....   | \$165. 00 |
| C. Anderson, 100 head of cattle, at 55 cents .....  | 55. 00    |
| D. Russell, 100 head of cattle, at 55 cents .....   | 55. 00    |
| G. W. Luidley, 30 head of cattle, at 50 cents ..... | 8. 25     |
| Darson, don't know number; not but few .....        | 5. 00     |
|   | <hr/>     |
|   | 288. 25   |

#### SALE OF WHEAT.

This wheat was omitted to be taken off return third quarter 1883, by error, so it was expended by Indian teachers (voucher to Abstract F, fourth quarter 1883), with explanation as to error; also, bill of sale and certificate attached to voucher 16, Abstract F, fourth quarter 1883, but attached is certificate on file here (No. 1). The wheat was raised on Iowa and Sac and Fox school farm.

Fourth quarter.

#### ABSTRACT A.

Nos. 2 and 8. Grubb & Robinson. These will be answered by supplemental statement.

No. 3. Receipt roll. Attached is certificate from interpreter that Shipshe perfectly understood the receipt he signed (No. 2).

No. 6. Annuity rolls. Pottawatomie. Attached certificate No. A to minor claim No. 191. No. 352, James V. Blandin, and 389, Thomas Bourbony, were adopted by tribe. No. 398, Samuel Rice, was absent in Territory since about 1882, and just returned; probably was down as infant, and not named on previous roll. No. 399, Louise Vessar, left this tribe and gone to Iowa to live.

No. 9. Frank Cadue. Attached is affidavit covering the services (No. 3). Also, No. 2, covers the services for interpreter.

No. 10. Scott's Hardware and Implement Company. This exception will be answered by supplemental statement.

No. 15. Grubb & Robinson Lumber Company. The item, August 7, of 272 feet dimensions, should be \$5.98; it is so on this list or bill, making \$7.38 for total, which is correct. The original bill was submitted to your office with my letter dated December 18, 1883. The firm filled up the bill on the vouchers, as you can tell by the writing.

No. 18. Receipt rolls. Attached is list of deposit for amount of overpayment to Clara Frink and Henry Stalker of \$1, No. 5. The duplicate certificate No. 1172 was sent to Indian Office, under date of July 1, 1885. Attached is certificate from interpreter that Wam-te-goshe perfectly understood the receipt he signed, No. 2.

#### ABSTRACT B, KICKAPOO.

No. 2. Ke-wah-ze was hired as irregular farmer or industrial teacher; this service was necessitated by the regular farmer leaving or ceasing to work on September 21; this irregular employé had to perform the regular duties as farmer; of course a farmer doesn't go to the field and plow on Sunday, but has to attend to the stock and general chores, and is on duty on Sunday as much as any day, and therefore the reason he was paid for Sundays' work.

No. 3. Receipt rolls. Attached is certificate showing deposit for 88 cents overpayment, No. 5. Attached is certificate from interpreter covering the Indian service, No. 6.

No. 4. Annuity rolls. It was a fault in former rolls of not having this age marked old enough. No. 147 Kish-pe is marked thirteen years old on prior roll here. No. 74 was citizen Indian, and when the member of the tribe married her the tribe adopted her. No. 241 Pah-tha-co-nah, a member of the tribe, was struck off by the tribe and then again taken back this quarter. Nos. 36 and 37 (on prior roll) have gone to Sac and Fox Agency to stay, or at least were absent from their reserve.

No. 6. Scott's Hardware and Implement Company will be answered by supplemental statement.

No. 8. Receipt roll. Attached is certificate covering Indian service by interpreter, No. 6.

#### ABSTRACT C.

No. 1. Annuity rolls. Attached is certificate from head-men, showing Edward McCoouse was the proper person to receive John Gokey's death payment, No. 7. Nos. 14 and 15 left reserve; went to Territory. No. 60 Spooner child died; No. 71 James Gokey was away from the reserve in Missouri, working at that time.

#### ABSTRACT D. GREAT NEMAH.

No. 1. Receipt rolls. These names represent the same persons, though I admit they signed by spelling a little different from what I spelled these names upon report. Herewith is affidavit and certificate from witnesses to these payments that Ade Kranz, J. A. Hall, William Barada, and William A. Shucks, as they have spelled their names, represent the same persons as I spelled Edward Kranz, August Hall, William Baridy, and William Shucks, and that August Hall, or J. A. Hall, as he signs, is not Augustus Hall, the blacksmith. He is the son of the blacksmith, No. 8.

No. 2. Receipt roll. Attached is certificate showing the deposit of 60 cents, No. 5. If I underpaid Mary Beeler for services from July 10 to September 30, I did not know it. I made her payment same as I did Clara Frinks, who I paid for one month's service, \$30, and did not calculate the days, which was too much in that case, and in the other case I paid for two and two-thirds months, which didn't happen to be as much as you allowed.

No. 6. Mah-qua-ma-tah-me. Pension. Attached is certificate from head-men that Sac-a-pee is the husband and rightful heir to this pension, No. 9.

No. 7. Annuity rolls. Nos. 1, 2, and 3 went to Indian Territory. No. 126, Edmore Roubidoux, changed to Sac and Fox roll. He had a right to live with either tribe.

No. 8. Annuity rolls. No. 39 on prior roll is on this roll as No. 41. Nos. 14, 33, 63, 66, 72, 77, 81, and 83, were all Indians adopted; they had received their land, but should have always received their annuities, certificate, No. B. The child, No. 82, was born and died between payments.

No. 9. Arnold & Springer. No funds on hand applicable. None received until October 1, and authority was not granted until October 16, 1883.

No. 10. W. H. Froucrook & Co. No money received during third quarter.



No. 13. Receipt rolls. Affidavit and certificate No. 8 explains this in regard to the names differing.

No. 18. P. Burkhalter. The invoice of the amount of beef purchased in September was not furnished me until the accounts for that quarter had been closed.

Nos. 15 and 16. Pension vouchers attached. They are Nos. 10 and 11. Also, see certificate No. 9; regards the heirship.

Nos. 17 and 19. Attached, complete, No. 12 and 13.

*First quarter 1884.*

No. 1. Receipt roll. Certificate attached shows the deposit of the overpayment, No. 5. Attached is certificate No. 2; shows the Indian service on this roll.

ABSTRACT B.

No. 1. Receipt roll. The overpayment of 80 cents that you claim is included in certificate of deposit, which is shown by certificate No. 5. This service was not authorized until in January or February. I haven't the date here, that was the reason it was not paid in fourth quarter.

No. 2. Receipt roll. Attached certificate No. 6 covers the Indian service with interpreter's certificate.

No. 3. Attached is certificate from interpreter that Mary Leclare perfectly understood the receipt she signed, No. 14.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements and accompanying papers are correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

November 24, 1885.

H. C. LINN,

*Late Indian Agent Pottawatomie and Great Nemaha Agency.*

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EXHIBIT B.

POTTAWATOMIE AND GREAT NEMAHA AGENCY,  
*July 31, 1885.*

We, the undersigned, headmen of the Sac and Fox of Missouri Indians, hereby certify that Louise and William Alley were regularly adopted as members of our tribe prior to the annuity payment made to us by Agent I. W. Patrick, January 9, 1885.

QUASH-QUA-ME (his x mark), *Chief.*  
WAH-PE-KO-NAH (his x mark), *Chief.*

POTTAWATOMIE AND GREAT NEMAHA AGENCY,  
*July 31, 1885.*

I hereby certify on honor that I explained the nature of the foregoing certificate to the persons whose names are affixed thereto, that they understand it, and that their marks are genuine and were made in my presence.

GEORGE (his x mark) GOMESS,  
*Interpreter.*

Witness to mark:  
F. R. SYKES.

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EXHIBIT C.

POTTAWATOMIE AND GREAT NEMAHA AGENCY,  
*December 31, 1885.*

We the undersigned, chiefs of the Sac and Fox of Missouri tribe of Indians, hereby certify that Nah-mah-che-sah-quah (Belle) and John Man-he-kah are regularly adopted members of our tribe, and entitled to participate in the distribution of annuities to our people.

QUASH-QUA-ME (his x mark), *Chief.*  
WAH-PE KE-NI-AH (his x mark), *Chief.*

DECEMBER 31, 1885.

We hereby certify on honor, that the foregoing certificate was interpreted to the chiefs whose names are attached thereto, and that their marks are genuine and were made in our presence.

GEO. JAMES.  
E. G. NADEARD.

DECEMBER 31, 1885.

I hereby certify that I fully interpreted the foregoing certificate to the chiefs whose names are attached thereto, that they understand it, that their marks are genuine and were made in my presence.

GEORGE (his x mark) GOMESS.

Witnesses to mark :  
GEO. JAMES.  
E. G. NADEARD.

## EXHIBIT D.

POTTAWATOMIE AND GREAT NEMAHA AGENCY,  
*August 15, 1888.*

We, the undersigned chiefs and headmen of the Sac and Fox Missouri Indians, hereby certify that the persons named in the following list were members of our tribe and entitled to participate in the payment of annuities made to us by John Blair, United States Indian agent, August 15, 1888 as follows: No. 78, Thomas Connell; No. 79, Charles Connell; No. 80, Henry Sha-qui-ne.

QUASH-QUA-ME (his x mark), *Chief.*  
WAH-PE-KE-NI-AH (his x mark), *Headman.*

Witnesses to mark :  
D. VAN VALKENBURG.  
E. G. NADEARD.

POTTAWATOMIE AND GREAT NEMAHA AGENCY,  
*August 15, 1888.*

I hereby certify on honor that I interpreted the foregoing certificate to the chief and headman whose names are signed thereto; that they fully understood it, and that their marks are genuine and were made in my presence.

GEORGE (his x mark) GOMESS,  
*Interpreter.*

Witnesses to mark :  
D. VAN VALKENBURG.  
E. G. NADEARD.

## EXHIBIT E.

SAC AND FOX OF MISSOURI RESERVATION,  
*November 16, 1889.*

We, the undersigned, chief and headman of the Sac and Fox of Missouri Indians, hereby certify that Que-naw-he-ah is a member of our tribe, and entitled to participate in the payment of annuities made to our people this date by John Blair, United States Indian agent.

QUASH-QUA-ME (his x mark), *Chief.*  
THOMAS CONNELL (his x mark), *Headman.*

Witnesses to marks :  
D. VAN VALKENBERG.  
ORVILLE OSHEL.

SAC AND FOX OF MISSOURI RESERVATION,  
*November 16, 1889.*

I hereby certify on honor that I interpreted the foregoing certificate to the chief and headman whose names are signed thereto; that they fully understood it and that their marks are genuine, and were made in my presence.

GEORGE (his x mark) GOMESS.

Witnesses to mark :  
D. VAN VALKENBERG.  
ORVILLE OSHEL.



## EXHIBIT F.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,  
POTTAWATOMIE AND GREAT NEMAHA AGENCY,  
September 10, 1883.

SIR: Herewith inclosed please find petition from Sac and Fox, of Missouri Indians, wishing to admit to membership of their tribe nineteen persons. I wrote the Department under date of June 25, 1883, to which the Department replied stating that the inclosed petition was necessary.

Also inclosed please find petition from Iowa Indians wishing to admit to membership of their tribe five persons who are of Iowa blood.

The inclosed petitions were agreed upon and signed in open council.

Very respectfully,

H. C. LINN,  
*United States Indian Agent.*

Hon. H. PRICE,  
*Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.*

## EXHIBIT G.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, September 21, 1883.

SIR: The petition of the Sac and Fox, and the Iowa Indians under your care, to be allowed to adopt certain persons into membership in their respective tribes, do not fully comply with my instructions of 2d July last, and are not quite satisfactory as evidence on which this office can act intelligently, for the reason that no interpreter certifies that the Indians signing thoroughly understood what they were doing. The names of all persons who are proposed for adoption are not given, nor the relationship of the members to the heads of the various families; nor is your own certificate attached to the petitions to the effect that they are the acts of each tribe in open council, and done in full accord with the rules governing adoptions, as expressed in my letter above noted.

If either of the persons who are proposed for adoption are objectionable, or would probably be an injury to your agency, you should counsel your Indians against adopting them. Although they may be, as you say, related by blood, you will observe by article 7 of the treaty of 1861 that they can not demand as a right a share in any benefits due these tribes by the Government unless they or their ancestors were permanently united to their respective tribes within at least six months after said treaty was completed. You should remind your Indians of this, and that they need not adopt these people unless they choose.

I will return with this petition referred to for completion as indicated.

Respectfully,

H. PRICE,  
*Commissioner.*

H. C. LINN,  
*Pottawatomie, etc., Agency, Kans.*

## EXHIBIT H.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,  
POTTAWATOMIE AND GREAT NEMAHA AGENCY,  
October 26, 1883.

SIR: Herewith please find revised petition from the Sac and Fox of Missouri Indians in accordance with Department letter dated September 21, 1883, marked A L's 11740-16938-83.

Department letter, dated July 2, 1883, marked A 11740, was fully explained and understood by the Sac and Fox of Missouri Indians, and that the inclosed petition is the act of the Sac and Fox of Missouri tribes in open council and done in full accord with the rules governing adoptions.

I certify that the inclosed petition is correct and true in every particular; that it is the wish of the entire tribe of Sac and Fox of Missouri Indians to admit to full members of their tribe nineteen persons, as shown in their petition.

Very respectfully,

H. C. LINN,  
*United States Indian Agent.*

Hon. H. PRICE,  
*Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.*

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EXHIBIT I.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, November 12, 1883.*

SIR: Before taking steps to have the adoption by the Sac and Fox Indians under your charge of the nineteen persons referred to in the petition submitted by you under date of 26th ultimo approved, it is required that said nineteen persons sign an agreement to accompany said petition (properly dated, witnessed, certified, etc.) to the effect that, if so adopted, they forever surrender all rights they may have to any benefits accruing to them from the Government through their relationship to any other tribe of Indians, or other branch of the tribe they naturally belong to, which may now be located on a different reservation.

The petition referred to is returned that it and the certificates thereto may be dated.

Respectfully,

H. PRICE,  
*Commissioner.*

H. C. LINN,  
*United States Indian Agent, Pottawatomie, etc., Agency, St. Mary's, Kans.*

S. Ex. 82—2

S. Ex. 9—17